

**Avoca Fire District Municipalities Joint Meeting Notes,  
Avoca Fire Station - 7 Chase St., Avoca, NY 14809  
September 13th, 2023**

Called to order by Tom Jackson at 7pm - Holly Woodworth took meeting notes.

Kevin opened the meeting up with explaining that about 3 years ago we went to Wallace Fire District to see if they wanted to merge. Wallace said that they did not want to. We then took a vote in November to see if we wanted to still try for district. Majority of the vote was yes to go to district.

Kevin Kowalczyk explained that we went to the Town of Wheeler, Town of Avoca and the Village of Avoca and explained to them what the fire dept. intentions were. All municipals were receptive. We then contacted the Lawyer, Mark C. Butler.

The proposed slate of commissioners for Fire District

1. Kelly Rodbourn (S)
2. Glenn Neu
3. William McMahan
4. Robert Cooper
5. Kevin Kowalczyk  
Bev Belanger (T)

We then discussed the direction that the department wanted to go. Update old equipment and a new Fire station in a few years. Working on the Budget was next, with a lot of research and man hours.

Andy Hubbard went over the tax base as a whole, not line by line. as of tonight, the budget is around \$1.40 Per \$1,000.00

Jim Carpenter from Wheeler wanted everyone to know that we will be our own entity (municipality). Discussed that we need waiver for commissioner and one for building.

When it comes time for new commissioner, anyone in the district can run.

It was brought to our attention that Howard would be contracting with another ambulance company. Kevin will check with Howard. (Howard will be contracting with Freemont in 2024)

We set the next meeting for September 26th, 2023 at 7pm  
The following towns signed the resolution.

**Town of Avoca**

- 1st: Brandace Hopkins  
2nd: Terry Ostrander

**Village of Avoca**

- 1st: Andy Hubbard  
2nd: Don Rodbourn

**Town of Wheeler**

- 1st: Jim Carpenter  
2nd: Doug Towner

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm  
Respectfully Submitted.  
Holly Woodworth